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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 01, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please amend Claims 2, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 21 as follows:**

B1 sub B1 2. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of nerve growth factor (NGF) and a pharmaceutically acceptable acetate-containing buffer.

B2 sub B1 10. (Amended) The composition of claim 2, further comprising a benzyl alcohol concentration from 0.1 to 2.0%

B3 sub B2 13. (Amended) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the nerve growth factor has a concentration of at least about 0.1 mg/ml and said acetate-containing buffer comprises an acetate ion having a concentration of 10 mM to 50 mM.